Morris County Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting January 27, 2021

The January 27, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis via phone, 30 Schuyler Place, top deck parking lots, Morris Township, New Jersey. Mrs. Connelly stated the Open Public Meetings Act requirements have been met. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. adequate notice of this meeting was provided by giving the time, date, and location and to the extent known the agenda of this meeting. At least 48 hours in advance this notice has been posted on the bulletin board, 30 Schuyler Place, Morris County Annex Building in Morristown; emailed to The Star Ledger, the Daily Record and filed with the Office of County Clerk.

The following individuals were present: VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

Chair: Louise Davis
Vice-Chair: Phil Roehrich
Assistant Treasurer: Bob McEwan
Treasurer: Marc Slaff
Technical Specialist: Kara Hasko
Secretary: Robert Danowski

District Manager: Joe Dunn,

Office Manager: Jacqueline Connelly

Director NJACD: Lily Mehl

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Louise Davis

Correspondence: No actionable items

Accept Minutes:

Accepted as Submitted

Chair:

No actionable items

Finance:

Motion made to Approve paying the January bills. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 - 0. The Chair indicated the motion CARRIED 5 - 0.

Fiscal Year 2020 Audit:

Motion made to Approve FY2020 Audit. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 - 0.

Technical Specialist:

Kara is handling 22 EQIP application for FY21 from Morris, Warren & Sussex County as well as NRCS Contract Management reviews and contracts. Continuing virtual training opportunities and weekly meetings.

Personnel:

All confirmed to continue working from home until April 1, 2021 with reconsideration every 30 days.

District *Manager*:

Mr. Dunn commented the office is continuing to maintain A & B team scheduling while working in the office and Friday weekly staff calls. He has completed the job description for the new grant / employee to be hired and has emailed to Nick for approval and or suggestions.

Mr. Dunn stated he is working with the Chair on making recommendations to the State Committee to propose changes to the Nomination policy. Concerns with requirements for attendance, meetings, as well as timing of organizing the nomination committee. Chair will forward memo to all the supervisors upon the completion of their suggestions.

Resolution on Public Virtual Meetings:

Motion made by Member McEwan to approve the resolution on public virtual meetings and seconded by Member Danowski. Motion carried and all approved.

251 Certifications:

Motion made by Member McEwan to approve 251 Certifications and seconded by Member Danowski. Motion carried and all approved.

RFA Authorizations:

Motion made by Member McEwan to approve RFA and seconded by Member Roehrich. Motion carried and all approved

A motion made by Member McEwan seconded by Member Roehrich to close public meeting and open Executive Session to discuss a litigations issue on a Farm Preservation Program. Motion carried and all approved.

Close Executive Session: 2:27 PM

Motion made by Member Slaff seconded by Member McEwan to Close Executive Session. Motion carried and all approved.

Let the minutes reflect Member McEwan abstained from acting on any projects or conflicts affiliated with Bob McEwan Construction regarding 251 Certification or litigation.

NO MORE BUSINESS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD 2:42 PM